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She threw, to form her bosom's globe, Life's tender flush and Beauty's robe, On wreaths of virgin snow.

Then Woman's lips in smiles withdrew Their veils of rich carnation hue, And pearls appeared beneath; And blest Arabia seemed to pour The perfumes of its spicy store, To mingle with her breath.

Hark! hark, she speaks, and silver strains Melodious floating o'er the plains,

A nameless joy impart!
The Nightingale hath caught the tone,
And made that melting voice his own,
That vibrates on the heart.

Fond Nature cast her glance around
The glowing sky, the flow'ry ground,
The day-diffusing sun;
On Woman last, her darling child,
She gazed; and said, with accent mild,
" Creation's work is done."

DELOURA.

The author of the following poem never cost her parents five shiflings in her education. She taught herself at five years of age to read the Bible. Her genius is exceeded by her modesty, and she has with-held, even from her friends, productions which would have done honour to any pen.

COME, my Eliza,—the returning Spring O'er earth's fair bosom spreads her dewy wing;

The flowers expand, gay verdure clothes the mead,

And music warbles through the thickening shade.

Come, and with me, at least in fancy, rove O'er the brown mountain, through th' umbrageous grove,

Thro' winding vales, where streams innumerous play,

And woods whose shade exclude the solar ray.

Where'er we turn, new scenes of beauty rise,

In swift succession to our raptur'd eyes; Mountain on mountain, in rich robes array'd,

The promised harvest and luxuriant mead.

O, for the muse, which in mellifluous strains,

Pourtray'd the beauties of thy native plains;

Charms more than nature gave her lines display,

My theme must sink beneath the drooping lay.

But, hark! what sound my listening ear invades!

Rolls not a torrent through you darkening shades?

Yes, 'tis the stream in story famed so long, And still the theme of many a rural song; The mighty stream*, by thousand rivulets fed,

How rolls majestic o'er its rocky bed. But when increas'd by fierce autumnal showers,

O'er the rough rock precipitant it pours,
While wild with rage it dashes either shore,
The woods rebellow to the torrent's roar.
There massy rocks, from their foundation's
torn,

In shatter'd fragments by the flood are borne.

Here the tall oak, so long the mountain's

pride,
Dash'd from its seat, is whelm'd beneath
the tide;

No more opposing mounds its rage restrain, It bursts the bank, and deluges the plain, While the pale peasant from the mountain's brow,

Sees ruin rolling through the vales below.

Hither, Eliza, turn thy wondering eyes, High o'er the flood see the cleft mountain rise;

Abrupt it rises!—should the mountain deer Or wandering goat, plant their light footsteps here,

The turf, unfaithful to their weight, would

And bear them headlong to the gulf's be-

Sure twas the hand of desolation tore Thee from thy seat, and placed thee on the shore,

^{*}The river Delour rises amid the Queen's County mountains. On one side rises a hill of considerable height, which looks as if it had been cleft in two by some convulsion of nature, and one half thrown on the bank of the river, from the surface of which it rises almost perpendicular, but on the other side slopes off gradually. A grove on the summit shades the torrent below. This spot for ages bears the title of the Lover's Leap.

Nature's convulsive pangs alone could

This mount—the wonder of succeeding days;

High on the summit waves the nodding grove,

Once the sad scene of a disastrous love.

There fell Deloura,—once a nymph divine,

The last fair branch of an illustrious line: Her haughty sire the neighbouring regions sway'd,

And youths unnumber'd woo'd the beauteous maid.

One, only one, her tender thoughts imprest,

And rais'd soft wishes in the virgin's breast. He, not unworthy of unrivall'd charms, in arts illustrious, and renown'd in arms, Met. all her passion—but, alas! in vain, for deadly feuds betwire their houses feign.

By stealth they met, where you tall poplers grow,

High on the cliff, and shade the gulphs below.

And met, devoid of fear, for distant far They deem her sire pursues the sylvan war. Ah, wretched lover! Oh, unhappy maid! Even now he views thee from the darksome shade.

Opprest and fainting with the noon-tide heat,

He sought for shelter in this dark retreat.

Quick as thy accents meet his haughty ear,

He rose—and rising, threw the vengeful

spear.

Too truly aim'd!—her lover's breast receives

The deadly point—it hurl'd him to the waves!

He sirks !—she saw !—unutterable care 'Transfix'd her soul with anguish and despair! One dreadful moment motionless she stood, Then, fir'd by frenzy, rush'd into the flood!

Whelm'd by the waves, the raging torrent bore

The mangled lovers to the distant shore. Where you tall pines the arching rock o'ershade,

Now low in earth, the hapless pair are laid.

Ill fated nymph!--yet not unknown to fame,

For still the river bears Deloura's name! And still, 'tis said, the wandering shepherd sees

Thy shadowy form amid the waving trees, Sees thee oncemore the rapid billows brave, And sink engulph'd in the surrounding wave.

Loud flash the waters, and the grove re-

With shrieks of death, and agonizing sounds.

Homeward he flies—impatient to relate The wonderous vision, and thy hapless fate.

Such was the tale sage Eleonora told,
To sooth my fancy in the days of old.
Oft has she bid my infant eyes o'erflow,
My heart to throb with sympathetic woe.
Nor thou, my gentle friend, the tale refuse,

The last faint effort of a dying muse.

Long, long bereft of all her pristine fire,
In vain she tries to touch the tuneful lyre?

And yet would Heaven one peaceful hour
bestow,

One short reprieve—an interval from wo, One strain should yet arise, one grateful

Should mark with brightness her expiring day.

EUDOSIA.

FOREIGN LITERATURE.

ACADEMICAL SOCIETY OF SCIENCES AT PARIS.

A T the September meeting, 1809, Mons. Nauche related some experiments he had made on the contraction of the muscles in frogs. These were intended to prove, that the contraction of the muscles may take place independently of the nervous influence, or the influx of the blood; the contrary to which has been asserted by Bichat and Prof.